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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED
EXAMINATION (RCE)
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Application Number	09/862,858
Confirmation Number	8373
Filing Date	May 22, 2001
First Named Inventor	Robert B. Chaffee
Group Art Unit	3673
Examiner Name	Conley, Frederick C.

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**a. Previously submitted**

- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on _____.
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered.)
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____.
- iii. ☐ Other:

b. Enclosed is/are:

- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☐ Other:

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2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of ____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months) and the Fee of **\$130.00** under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) is enclosed.
- b. ☐ Other:

3. Fees – The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. §1.114 when the RCE is filed.

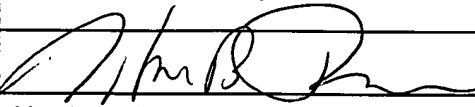
- a. ☒ Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$476 which covers:
 - i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
 - ii. ☒ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. § 1.136 and 1.17)
 - iii. ☒ Other (Petition for One-Month Extension of Time)

4. If the filing of this RCE necessitates an extension of time under 37 CFR §1.136(a), the applicant hereby requests such extension of time.**5. If there is no check enclosed, or if the amount of the enclosed check in this RCE is incorrect, the Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50/2762.**

6. CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS

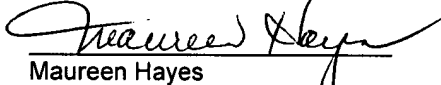
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7. SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED

NAME	Jeffrey B. Powers, Reg. No. 45,021
SIGNATURE	
DATE	March 24, 2004

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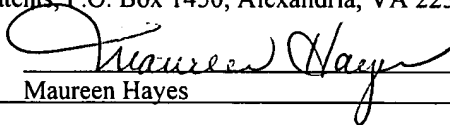
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Robert B. Chaffee
Serial No: 09/862,858
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ELEMENT AND AN INFLATABLE DEVICE FOR USE
WITH THE FASTENER

Examiner: Conley, Frederick C.
Art Unit: 3673

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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed November 24, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows. Changes to the claims are shown by strike through (for deleted matter) and underlining (for added matter).

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 11 of this paper.

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